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TO DAVID COETZEE

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AF/W FOR LOLLIS

1. YOUR LETTER JANUARY 7 ADDRESSED TO ED LOLLIS
ARRIVED JANUARY 12. SORRY TO HEAR ALAN RAKE ENCOUNTERING PROBLEMS
ENTERING NIGERIA AND WILL NOT BE IN TOUQ.

2. AS NOTED IN LETTER FROM PETROLEUM OFFICER ATCHLEY DATED
DECEMBER 18 IN REPLY TO RAKE'S LETTER DECEMBER 12, LOLLIS LEFT
LAGOS IN JULY TO BECOME NIGERIAN DESK OFFICER IN DEPARTMENT OF
STATE, WASHINGTON. RAKE HAD ASKED IF HE COULD CALL ON EMBASSY
AND BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE TO ASSIST HIM IN PREPARING ARTICLE ON
OIL SITUATION. AS LOLLIS REPLACEMENT, ATCHLEY WELCOMED VISIT AND
SAID WOULD BE GLAD TO BRIEF RAKE. HOWEVER, SECOND PARAGRAPH YOUR
LETTER IMPLIES COMMITMENT TO ACTUALLY PREPARE ARTICLE TO MEET
JANUARY 20 DEADLINE. ATCHLEY DID NOT MAKE SUCH A COMMITMENT, AND
WE UNAWARE OF
ANYTHING LOLLIS MAY HAVE AGREED TO PRIOR TO HIS
DEPARTURE. IF RAKE COMMISSIONED LOLLIS TO DO ARTICLE AS YOUR
CABLE IMPLIES, SUGGEST YOU GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM IN WASHINGTON.
EMBASSY MAILED COPY OF RAKE'S DECEMBER 12 LETTER TO LOLLIS
TOGETHER WITH REPLY, AND WILL ALSO PASS CONTENTS THIS CABLE TO
HIM. CAHILL, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, AMERICAN EMBASSY LAGOS.

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